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CHARLESTON, IL--Official 1985 Fall Semester on-campus enrollment at Eastern Illinois University totals 9,926 students, exceeding both the 1984 Fall Semester enrollment of 9,908 and the University's target of 9,800 for the current semester. Official enrollments for all Illinois institutions of higher education are established by the number of students enrolled in classes as of the tenth class day--September 11 in the case of Eastern. There are 5,251 women (53%) and 4,675 men (47%) in the total enrollment of 9,926.

Although the National Center for Educational Statistics predicts a decline of about one percent in both public and private college enrollment across the nation this year, Eastern's enrollment remains quite stable. "We are pleased," said EIU President Stan Rives, "that Eastern remains attractive to students and their parents. The fundamental stability of our enrollment is encouraging to faculty, staff, the Charleston community, and EIU students."

Enrollment by class for Fall 1985 breaks down as follows (with Fall 1984 figures in parentheses): Freshmen 2,815 (2,875 a year ago); Sophomores 2,071 (2,026); Juniors 2,136 (2,120); Seniors 2,056 (2,069); and Graduate students 848 (818). Entering freshmen increased by 22 over last fall. "We are particularly pleased," said Rives, "with the increase in new freshmen and the increase in graduate enrollment. Though we are concerned about a modest decline in new transfer students over the number a year ago, that is understandable in terms of a statewide decline in attendance at community colleges."

Enrollment in off-campus courses, which is still in progress, is expected to increase well beyond the 573 students enrolled in extension courses a year ago on the tenth class day. The total official enrollment (on- and off- campus) for Fall 1984 at Eastern was 10,481, and the Fall 1985 total is anticipated to exceed 10,700 students enrolled in campus and extension courses.

"The Admissions staff and Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams," said Rives, "are to be complimented on their work in bringing campus enrollment near the target established by the University." Rives also commended the work of Dr. Carol Holden, Director of Continuing Education, for expanding off-campus enrollment. "We have an obligation to provide expanded educational opportunity to place-bound employed adults in off-campus locations," said Rives, "and it is very encouraging to see that our faculty and academic departments are responding to this need."

The University's on-campus enrollment target of about 9,800 students was established, according to Rives, at the urging of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. "Since Eastern is the most underfunded and cost-effective public university in the State," he said, "the IBHE has encouraged a modest reduction in on-campus enrollment to help bring per-student cost of education at EIU more in line with statewide average costs. We made a serious effort to reduce campus enrollment, but we are encouraged by the fact that increasing numbers of Illinois college students elect to attend Eastern."

Rives also attributed the enrollment increase to the fact that Eastern offers the lowest residence hall room and board rates at a public university in Illinois and to the well-publicized accreditation report by the North Central Association that "Eastern Illinois University is accomplishing its mission and doing so with distinction." "Students like Eastern," according to President Rives, "because we continue to offer quality education at reasonable cost and we hope to keep it that way."